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Box / folder	Author	Description	Date	Location
49.001	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes his life at school, going to church, spending time with friends.	[1913]	Ingersoll, ON
49.002	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes his health, being cold, Christmas plans.	[1915]	Woodstock, England
49.003	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes a long march through Oxford and the impending deployment of his battalion. Also includes 5 B&W photographs, 2" x 2 ½".	Jan 21, 1916	Ingersoll, ON
49.004	Richardson, Edward A.	Autograph postcard signed, to Mrs. R. H. Ferris, sister of Edward, Toronto.	March 30, 1916	Beloeil, QC
49.005	Richardson, Edward A.	Autograph postcard signed, to Mrs. Robert H. Ferris, sister of Edward, Toronto.	Aug 19, 1916	Chateau Frontenac, QC
49.006	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Describes how difficult it is to write letters, as there is nowhere to write, describes being in quarantine for two weeks, the beauty of the English countryside.	April 23, [1916]	England
49.007	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes camp, English countryside, the difficulties of letter-writing, being cold and hungry.	[1916]	Bramshott Camp, England
49.008	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes enjoying receiving mail, Easter, getting ready to march to another town, sleeping	May 21, 1916	Bramshott Camp, England

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		without blankets, daylight savings time.		
49.009	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes being in hospital due to boils, the breaking up of his battalion, being transferred to the 12 th Brigade signalers.	May 31, 1916	Auxney Farm, England
49.010	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Describes being in hospital, sightseeing around London, the war.	June 4, 1916	Auxney Farm, England
49.011	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Stan, brother of Edward. Describes being in hospital, sightseeing around London, the war.	June 11, 1916	London, England.
49.012	Richardson, Edward A.	Newspaper clipping from a Canadian paper in which a letter from Edward was published.	June 13, 1916	Canada
49.013	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes being in a different hospital, sightseeing around London, the war. Includes photographic postcard of the hospital.	June 14, 1916	Dulwich, England.
49.014	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Asks Fran to buy flowers to send to their mother on Edward's birthday.	July, 1916	Bordon Camp, England
49.015	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Refers to an enclosed money order for the flowers for their mother.	July 7, 1916	[?] Camp, England
49.016	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes not having received many letters,	July 15, 1916	Longmoor Ranges, England

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		musketry instruction.		
49.017	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes inoculation, being in the trenches, leaving soon for the front, his impending 19 th birthday.	July 26, 1916	Bramshott Camp, England
49.018	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes receiving a letter from her, waiting to be sent to the trenches, the sound of guns, gas training.	Aug 19, 1916	"Somewhere in France"
49.019	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes receiving letters, being hungry, marching through France, inquires after health of family members.	Sept 25, 1916	"Somewhere in France"
49.020	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes being unable to find paper or stamps for letter-writing, not having any money, not receiving packages, being sent back to England due to his youth and rheumatism.	Dec 9, 1916	[England]
49.021	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Stan, brother of Edward. Describes being in better health, asks about people at home.	Dec 17, 1916	Knutsford Hospital, England
49.022	Richardson, Edward A.	Partial ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Describes cleaning boots of soldiers heading to the front.	Date missing [1916?]	Location missing
49.023	Richardson, Edward A.	3 autograph envelopes (empty), addressed to Mrs. F. B. McMulkin (Fran), Toronto.	1916	Locations missing

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49.024	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Harry, brother of Edward. Asks about family members, recommends that Harry avoid the infantry if he's 'called up', describes some of his work in the army.	July 29, 1917	Shoreham-By-Sea, Sussex
49.025	Richardson, Edward A.	Autograph postcard signed to Fran, sister of Edward.	[1917]	Location unknown
49.026	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Austie, sister of Edward. Expresses condolences upon hearing about Austie's nerves, describes travelling around England, seeing a pantomime.	Jan 17, 1917	Knutsford Hospital, England
49.027	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Talks about his rheumatism, receiving a parcel with chocolate and socks, seeing a pantomime in Manchester, family members.	Jan 17, 1917	Knutsford Hospital, England
49.028	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Stan, brother of Edward. Talks about politics surrounding the war, lists some of the names of trenches in which he fought, discusses the sixty-pound trench-mortar at Ypres where their brother Reg is stationed.	Feb 26, 1917	Buxton, England
49.029	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Edward's mother. Describes having some money stolen, being sent back to France, the people he's met in England.	March 17, 1917	Buxton, England
49.030	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes being worried about his brother Reg's safety, the glory of the Canadian forces, hopes that the Yankees take on a larger role in the fighting, fears he will not be	Aug 30, 1917	Sussex, England

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		allowed to go back to France.		
49.031	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Describes not being able to write at night because of the air raids, weather, wishing he could go to the Ex, the health of his family.	Sept 26, 1917	Shorncliffe-Kent, England
49.032	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes not liking the camp he's in, being glad to hear that his brother Reg is still alive, fantasizing about sitting in front of the fire in an armchair at home and reading for the rest of his life.	Oct 16, 1917	Bramshott Camp, England
49.033	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes being sorry to not be home for Christmas, visiting with his brother Reg, training new recruits to send to France.	Nov 25, 1917	Mytchett Ranges, England
49.034	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Asks about Aut's trip to the US, about a box of candies he was expecting, describes having things stolen and not trusting anyone in the army, asks about the Canadian election.	Nov 27, 1917	Bramshott Camp, England
49.035	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Asks about the Canadian election, receiving socks and candy, wishing he was home for Christmas	Dec 16, 1917	Mytchett Ranges, England
49.036	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes being back in the hospital with rheumatism, parties for Christmas and New Years, visiting with people from the Canadian Red Cross, going to the movies.	Dec [?], 1917	Knutsford Hospital, England

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49.037	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Describes receiving the money she sent for a coat, the success of the boys from Toronto in the army, expecting his brother Harry to be sent to war soon.	[Date unclear, early in the year], 1918	Bramshott Camp
49.038	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Apologizes for not writing more often, comments on sending boots to his brother Reg, describes training new draftees, his legs growing larger.	Feb 27, 1918	Bramshott Camp, England
49.039	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes receiving letters, being happy, participating in a church parade, Canadians running saw-mills in England.	April 9, 1918	Bramshott Camp, England
49.040	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes reading her letter to other soldiers nearby who'd been expecting letters and hadn't received them, searching for his brother Reg.	April 16, 1918	"Somewhere in France"
49.041	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Edward's mother. Is sorry to hear about her ailing health, enquires about health of other family members, describes searching for his brother Reg.	April 29, 1918	"On active service with the British expeditionary force" [location unspecified]
49.042	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Edward's father. Describes Reg coming to find him, Reg telling him about their mother's death, trying to stay strong and not think about it. Also enclosed is a shorter ALS to Helen and Aus, expressing	May 2, 1918	"Somewhere in France"

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		sadness at their mother's passing.		
49.043	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Expresses sadness at their mother's passing, being glad to see Reg but sorry that he had to deliver the sad news, hoping that the war efforts will continue to improve.	May [?], 1918	"On active service with the British expeditionary force" [location unspecified]
49.044	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Edward's father. Describes receiving the cable about his mother after Reg had told him the news, going to a private house to have a bath, asks to be sent a new razor.	May 5, 1918	"On active service with the British expeditionary force" [location unspecified]
49.045	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Edward's father. Enquires about his father's health, describes how France reminds him of home, discusses news from other letters.	May 13, 1918	"On active service with the British expeditionary force" [location unspecified]
49.045A	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to [name unclear]. Refers to the death of his mother, his hopes to see Reg, asks about pictures he sent.	[undated]	"Somewhere in France"
49.046	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Austie, sister of Edward. Describes being at a signaling school, learning that the family didn't tell his mother before her death that he had gone back to France.	May 16, 1918	"Somewhere in France"
49.047	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Helen. Writes about wishing he received more letters from girls, and about how he thinks many of the fellows fighting are being forgotten, asks about their family members.	May 19, 1918	"Somewhere in France"

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49.048	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes receiving letters and photos, still being at the signaling school, expresses worry that he hasn't heard from Reg in over a month.	June 11, 1918	Location unspecified
49.049	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Acknowledges receipt of letters, expresses concern about their father's health, says he received a letter from Reg, describes his daily activities.	June 25, 1918	"Somewhere in France"
49.050	Richardson, Edward A.	Autograph postcard to Fran, sister of Edward. Some evidence of censorship.	July 15, 1918	[France]
49.051	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes how receiving letters makes his experience more bearable, going on walks, asks about other family members.	July 25, 1918	France
49.052	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes only being allowed to send one letter per day, asks after family members.	July 29, 1918	"Somewhere in France"
49.053	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Thanks her for a package she sent, informs her that he did not become sick from the maple cream, describes receiving a letter from his younger brother Harry, saying that he'd arrived safely in France.	Aug 2, 1918	France
49.054	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Relates that there is not much news, describes going to a little town to buy cigarettes and having a good meal there.	Aug 14, 1918	France

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49.055	Richardson, Edward A.	An envelope addressed to Mrs. Francis B. McMulkin, containing two pressed flowers.	Aug 16, 1918	[France]
49.056	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Says he's feeling fine and that everything is ok, describes seeing Reg a few weeks ago, describes letters he's received from other family members.	Sept 18, 1918	France
49.057	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Austie, sister of Edward. Describes being in a great battle and driving the enemy back a number of miles, saving prisoners, going 'over the top' several times and being in the thick of the fighting. Visiting with Reg in the trenches, sharing supper. Describes the blisters he gets from his boots.	Oct 5, 1918	France
49.058	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Thanks her for the pipe and tobacco, describes being away from the front line and having a visit with Reg, eating apples sent from home together. Describes the fighting escalating, and hoping that the war will be over soon.	Oct 13, 1918	France
49.059	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Describes being at a rest camp, sharing a tent with 9 other people, going to small concerts, scrubbing pots and pans, playing in a football league, reading.	Oct 23, 1918	France
49.060	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes	Nov 5, 1918	France

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		leaving the rest camp, meeting up with Reg, running into other Canadians in France.		
49.061	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Wishes her a merry Christmas, describes the noisy house in which he's staying, hoping to meet up with Reg.	Dec 4, 1918	Belgium
49.062	Richardson, Edward A.	5 empty envelopes which don't appear to correspond to the letters above. Addressed to: Mrs. R. H. Ferris and Mrs. Francis B. McMulkin.	[1918]	
49.063	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Thanks Fran for sending chocolate, socks and cigarettes, describes having just arrived in Belgium and hoping to be able to go home soon, describes visiting Brussels.	Jan 12, 1919	Hoeilaart, Belgium
49.064	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Aut, sister of Edward. Describes wishing that he will be sent home soon, having nothing to do now that the war is over, getting lost walking to Waterloo.	Jan [?], 1919	Hoeilaart, Belgium
49.065	Richardson, Edward A.	Autograph postcard addressed to Aut.	Jan 24, 1919	Belgium
49.066	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes receiving letters, the cold weather in Belgium, hearing from Reg and Harry.	Feb 10, 1919	Hoeilaart, Belgium
49.067	Richardson, Edward A.	Autograph postcard addressed to Fran.	April 24, 1919	Belfast, Ireland
49.068	Richardson, Edward A.	ALS to Fran, sister of Edward. Describes	May 2, 1919	Ripon, Yorkshire

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		wanting to be sent home soon, receiving a wire from Reg, his trip to Ireland.		
49.069	Richardson, Edward A.	11 pages of Ted Richardson's journal. Includes details of daily activities, locations, etc.	Sept 6, 1915 – July 16, 1916	[Various locations]
49.070	Richardson, Edward A.	A "panoramic letter card" (ALS to Helen). Describes the places in England he's been, having pictures taken of himself in uniform, saying that he will send them along if they turn out well.	Undated	Buxton, England
49.071	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Austie, sister of Reg. Describes worrying about his letters reaching Canada, asks about various family members and comments on their interest in receiving souvenirs, describes holding the hand of a 'hun' while his wounds were dressed.	Feb, 1917	France
49.072	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Austie, sister of Reg. Apologizes for not writing on her birthday, asks about family members, describes the cold and rain, the 'Yanks' declaring war. Includes handwritten text of 'The Poilu's Litany'.	April 5, 1917	France
49.073	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Aut, sister of Reg. Describes trying to sleep while the ground shakes with gun fire and shells dropping, waking up to a shell having been dropped 3 feet from his shelter, how he wishes he were at home. Describes being in a 'queer predicament,' where he wants to bathe with a tin of	May 12, 1917	France

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		water, but is scared to take his clothes off in case he has to run from shells at any moment.		
49.074	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Aut, sister of Reg. Describes trying to sleep whenever he can, as he never knows when he will have time, hearing from other family members, running into men from his hometown in France.	Sept 25, 1917	[France?]
49.075	Richardson, Reginald	Autograph postcard addressed to Aut. Describes being on leave with Ted.	Nov 11, 1917	Barnstaple, England
49.076	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Aut sister of Reg. Describes being cold while on leave in England, but still enjoying himself, wishing he could come home for Christmas.	Nov 26, 1917	England
49.077	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Aut, sister of Reg. Expresses frustration at his letters not being received, describes how the war news is making him ill, but how he figures that 'Fritz' must be using up a fair number of men.	April 20, 1918	France
49.078	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Austie, sister of Reg. Thanks Austie for her letters, jokes about adopting a young French child he met, describes running into Ted, having a hard time sleeping since learning about his mother's death.	May 13, 1918	France
49.079	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Aut, sister of Reg. Thanks her for her letters, describes having a battlefield	June 24, 1918	[location unspecified]

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		dinner with other officers thanks to the package she sent, describes having trouble keeping in touch with a romantic interest in California.		
49.080	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Aut, sister of Reg. Thanks her for sending pictures of family, describes being ill but on the mend, running into someone he knew back home.	July 20, 1918	France
49.081	Richardson, Reginald	ALS to Aut, sister of Reg. Apologizes for not being able to send letters more often, describes trying to locate Ted, winter setting in, the happiness of the French civilians after having been 'set free', commiserates with Aut about receiving food rations.	Oct 23, 1918	[location unspecified]
49.082	Richardson, Harry	ALS to Austie, sister of Harry. Describes being stuck on a ship, waiting to set sail for Europe, his experience sailing from Montreal to Halifax, being seasick, thanks Austie for the great send off at Union Station.	July 9, 1918	Halifax, [Nova Scotia]
49.083	Richardson, Harry	ALS to Aut, sister of Harry. Describes spending a week in London with Reg, being at school and trying to 'get on to the English way of doing things'.	Aug 15, 1918	Parkhurst, Isle of Wright
49.084	Richardson, Harry	ALS to Aut, sister of Harry. Describes missing the car he had access to at home, wanting to join the rest of the Canadians in a battalion, receiving his 'walking-out'	Sept 9, 1918	[near Newport]

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		uniform, not having met anyone and the absence of any nice-looking girls.		
49.085	Richardson, Harry	ALS to Austie, sister of Harry. Describes many people around him dying of the flu, but he has managed to avoid catching it. Also describes terrible weather, shaky train trips, reading in the paper that Austria has signed the Armistice.	Nov 4, 1918	[Parkhurst, Isle of Wright]
49.086	Richardson, Harry	ALS to Austie, sister of Harry. Describes being in London when the Armistice was signed and witnessing the celebration. Also describes confusion over what is to happen to the soldiers now – whether they will be kept in reserve or sent home.	Nov 15, 1918	[England]
49.087	Mother of Richardson brothers [given name unknown]	ALS to Austie. Comments on the cold winter, discusses various family members.	[Undated]	Ingersoll, Ontario
49.088	Mother of Richardson brothers [given name unknown]	ALS to Austie. Describes some illnesses in the family, discusses how much money they should be sending Ted.	[Undated]	Ingersoll, Ontario
49.089	Mother of Richardson brothers [given name unknown]	ALS to Austie. Discusses various family members.	Feb 5, [year unspecified]	[Ingersoll, Ontario]
49.090	Mother of Richardson brothers [given name unknown]	ALS to Stan. Discusses sending a cable to Ted, describes activities of other family members, cooking mince meat.	[Undated]	[Ingersoll, Ontario]
49.091	Mother of Richardson	ALS to Stan. Confirms receipt of his letter,	Tuesday [month	Ingersoll, Ontario

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	brothers [given name unknown]	describes activities of other family members.	unspecified], 1916	
49.092	2 empty envelopes addressed to Mrs. R. H. Ferris [sender unclear].			
49.093	1 newspaper clipping of a poem titled "Who Bides his Time" by James Whitcomb Riley. It is unclear in which letter this clipping may have been contained.			
50.004	1 5"x 8" photograph portrait of Reginald Richardson, sepia tone, in paper frame. Due to its size, this item is stored in Box 50 of the general manuscript collection.			